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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a five-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Notice of Appeal mailed November 3, 2004, said period of response being extended from January 3, 2005 to June 3, 2005.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2725 in the amount of \$2,160.00 to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

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